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ABSTRACT

The October 1973 issue of ATLAS, a newsletter for the Association of Teachers of Latin American Studies, is entered into the ERIC system on a one time basis to acquaint teachers with this resource. This issue reports summer activities and reviews new materials in this subject area. The events of the 1973 summer ATLAS-Fulbright Seminar to Mexico are related and upcoming educational and study programs in Latin America are announced for summer 1974. A teacher interest column describes publications, catalogues, teaching aids, and study materials concerned with Latin American studies. Sources for obtaining Latin American news and study programs at universities in the United States are noted. A lengthy media review section covers recently published works on Latin America. A commentary on Chile concludes the newsletter. Issued four times a year, the newsletter is available to members of ATLAS for a membership fee of $4.50 for teachers and $1.00 for students. (KSM)

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Dan Mugan who served as Project Director for the 1972 and 1973 seminars, commented that the 1973 program compared favorably with the earlier experience, and was strengthened by the participation of teachers from the Pacific Coast, and Middle West where high percentages of students of Mexican origin are found.

The highlight of the sixty-five day program was the opportunity it provided for seminar members to travel throughout the beautiful country that is Mexico. Departing Monterrey on August 10th, the group journeyed from Guadalajara with its famous Plaza of the Mariachis to the Indian markets in the Chiapas, to the exotic Maya ruins in the Yucatan. It is certain that the teachers who had the good fortune to take part in the Mexican seminar will carry with them not only insights and understandings to make their teaching more effective but many experiences and memories not soon to be forgotten.

The Association of Teachers of Latin American Studies is proud to have been selected as recipients of grants from the U.S. Office of Education to conduct the part two programs in Mexico. We have already accepted an invitation from that agency to prepare a program for teachers for the summer of 1974. We will notify the membership in our Spring newsletter if we are again successful.

October Conference Announcement

All members are urged to take note of our first general membership meeting which is scheduled to take place on Saturday morning, October 27, at 11:00 A.M. The conference will be devoted to the experiences of participants on the recent summer seminar in Mexico, and a report on Chile from some of the members who spent this past summer in Santiago. We shall again assemble in the third floor conference room of the Center for Inter-American Relations, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. Members and their guests attending for the first time should be aware that the Center is located on East 68th street, opposite Hunter College. If you plan to attend please allow us time to provide adequate seating by dropping a line to our post box number which appears on the last page of this newsletter.

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1974 ATIAS Air Charters to Latin America

The summer of 1973 marked another service provided to our members and readers when we inaugurated on a limited basis air charter flights to Latin America. We made arrangements for three departures and achieved travel concessions superior to any offered by others in the travel field. Members who flew on our special summer flights realized savings in excess of $300.00 per ticket! As a result of this highly successful first effort, ATIAS will expand its flight offerings for next summer and will feature flight programs with destinations in all of the major cities of Latin America. Details on these outstanding travel opportunities will appear in a fortcoming edition of our newsletter. In the meantime, if you are interested in participating in a Christmas, Easter, or summer travel program please drop us a line stating your needs so that we can better develop attractive and inexpensive travel opportunities.

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Peruvian Art Exhibition

The Center for Inter-American Relations announces that its gallery is now exhibiting a collection of Peruvian art works dating from pre-Hispanic to modern times. The gallery is open daily from 12:00 noon with no admission charge.

Teacher Interest

Latin American Publications. Comentarios Bibliograficos Americanos, is a bibliographic service that surveys Latin American periodicals and covers topics of interest to university people and librarians. Liberal discounts are offered on all bulk orders of 25 copies or more. Contact: Eduardo Darino, Editor, CBA, Casilla de correo 1677, Montivideo, Uruguay.

Latin American Governmental and Political Organization: An Outline, is the new publication offered by Current World Leaders, P.O. Box 2238, Pasadena, California. The information is presented in eight broad categories: Constitution, Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Local Government, Suffrage, Political Parties and Armed Forces. Essentially this publication is a dozen page compilation arranging a vast mass of data in a clear and concise order. Library editions cost $5.00, student editions are priced at $2.50 each.

The Rand Corporation is now making available copies of reports dealing with topics of contemporary interest. Members will be interested in reading a 200 page publication, Latin America in the 1970's, which was prepared for the Department of State. Among the topics covered in this report are:politics, economics and international relationships. This publication and other studies relating to Latin America can be obtained by writing to Rand, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90406.

SVE, The Society for Visual Education, Inc. is offering a catalogue dealing with selected media for minority studies. Some of the multi-media materials are bilingual and suitable for use at the elementary, junior high, and senior high school levels. Write to SVE, 1345 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, 60614.

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The Center for Cuban Studies, located at 186 West 4th Street, New York City, is offering a comprehensive collection of documents, propaganda and study materials about revolutionary Cuba to interested persons. Its services center around its Reading Room, which includes not only written and printed materials, but also films, prints and slides on Castro's Cuba. The Center exchanges books and other materials with Cuban institutions, and publishes a bulletin of news and information from Latin America as well as Cuba.

In December of last year, the late Doctor Salvador Allende addressed the United Nations General Assembly outlining his program and goals before that body. ATLAS still has on hand about fifty copies of that speech which was sent to our office by the Chilean Embassy last Spring. Members who would like to have a copy are invited to write our Box number and are asked to enclose sixteen cents in postage to cover mailing. They will be distributed on a first come, first served order.

News From Latin America

The Public Relations offices of many Latin American nations publish on a regular basis periodicals and newsletters concerning activities taking place in their respective nations. Frequently the materials contain charts, tables and other data not readily available from traditional sources. If you should like to have your name placed on the mailing lists to receive publications, write to any or all of the addresses below mentioning that you are a member of ATIAS.

Brazil - Brazil Today, Embassy of Brazil, 30006 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008.

Chile - Summary of Recent Events, Embassy of Chile, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Colombia - Colombia Today, Colombia Information Service, Colombian Center, 140 East 57th Street, New York City, 10022.

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Noted Mexican Pianist To Tour Schools

Our office frequently receives requests for information on guest speakers and artists from Latin America. We are very proud to announce that the gifted Mexican pianist, Jose Luis Aldaz, has offered to make himself available for visits to schools in his capacity as his country's cultural attache. Mr. Aldaz, who is a distinguished member of ATIAS, presents a program in which he discusses Mexican music, exhibits art and artifacts, and gives a piano recital. Mr. Aldaz who studied for eleven years with the Chilean maestro Claudio Arrau, was selected last year by President Echeverria to "use his art to help build greater understanding for Mexico today". Members or schools interested in a visit by Jose Aldaz should contact Mr. Aldaz through: Whitney/Einersen Company, Suite 11A, 308 West 30th Street, New York, New York, 10001. Telephone number is (212) 868-7469.

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University of Florida. Within the past week, ATLAS has sent to The Center for Latin American Studies at Gainesville, the roster of our present membership. Professor Raymond Toner requested the list so that the Center might inform you of recent publications available. Members who have recently joined ATLAS and interested in receiving notices from the Center should write to Professor Toner.

Michigan State University. The Latin American Studies Center is currently offering research reports and a monograph series on topics of interest to teachers and students at low prices. More information can be obtained by writing to the Center at 103 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Syracuse University. The Latin American Center newsletter has announced that as a result of augmented faculty resources, a substantial list of courses on Latin America is being offered during the current semester.

MEDIA REVIEW

United States and Latin American Literature
Edited by M.Bradbury, E. Mottram and J.Franco
Penguin Books, Inc.
$3.95 386 pages 1973

For a long time now Penguin Books has been doing a good job in making available through its paperback publications books of interest on Latin America. This work scheduled for release later this month, is as welcome as it is useful. Under the skillful editing of the Hispanic literary scholar Jean Franco, we have a concise listing of Latin poets, dramatists and authors together in one bound volume containing the same for the United States. Teachers of Latin American literature will find it useful as a guide in selecting authors and works for inclusion in class discussion, syllabus or term assignments or as a solid frame of reference.

Military Rule in Latin America
Philippe C. Schmitter, Editor
Sage Publications, Inc.
$7.50 336 pages 1973

In this work we find a series of essays representing three broad areas of inquiry: the political function of direct military rule, the policy consequences of internal military intervention and external military aid and the prospective impact of both regional and global political systems. In most cases, the papers presented were first given in May 1972 at a conference sponsored by the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Seminar of the Center for Policy Study held at the University of Chicago. While conceding that books dealing with militarism in Latin America is nothing new, Editor Schmitter argues that this particular effort rests on substantive originality and critical perspective in its attempt to touch on previously unexamined areas and / or to the extent to which they challenge the reader to revise presently established understanding of a given topic. Of particular interest in this absorbing book is the essay by James Kurth titled, U.S. Foreign Policy and Latin American Military Rule, in which the author stresses that there is no defensible justification for the U.S. government to give or sell guns or tanks to present military regimes. In the light of recent events in Chile, one is impressed in reading the pessimistic words written over a year ago "...It becomes difficult to believe that the armed forces of the region will confine themselves to the negative and thankless task of repressing internal dissidents or to the reflexive and unglamorous goal of protecting the continent against an increasingly less credible common external aggressor."

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History of Latin American Civilization:
Volume 1 The Colonial Experience
Volume 2 The Modern Age
Edited by Lewis Hanke
1973 Little Brown and Company

These newly revised soft cover books of 555 and 672 pages respectively, are of great value to teachers anxious to move away from conventional text book treatment of Latin American history to an approach stressing inquiry and discovery. Each topic contains a thoughtful introduction followed by several selected documents or interpretations which will enable students to understand that approaches to complex social problems require more than any simple solution or answer. Used in conjunction with other paperbacks, these two volumes can very well serve as the basis for a senior high school or undergraduate course on Latin American Studies.

Female And Male In Latin America
Ann Pescatello, Editor
University of Pittsburgh Press
$9.95 341 pages 1973

In a time of growing female consciousness, it is interesting that Professor Pescatello has chosen this selection of essays which do much to shed light on a

Female and Male In Latin America (continued)

subject that is frequently misunderstood by many who overwork the concept of "machismo" as a tool in explaining the role of women in Latin American society. The twelve original essays covering the major geographic areas of Latin America are unified by two themes:the conflict between image and reality, and the problems women encounter in the process of modernization. Dealing as it does with varying cultures and political systems it is inevitable that the reader will encounter differing interpretations and apparent contradictions. Nevertheless, the substance of the essays contained in this book will greatly aid understanding of women not only in Latin American society, but in United States society as well.

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Commentary on The Americas

CHILE : Crisis In Democracy (Norman Bindler)

The military coup in Chile will effect the directions of events in the "Third World" for decades to come. Revolutionaries will ask: "Can the peaceful road to Socialism be achieved in societies where the middle and upper-class elites control or influence the military?" The answer to this question resounded throughout the world last month. Moreover the reaction in "democratic" Chile was viscious and violent. The land of Mistral and Neruda was scarred, and hundreds were imprisoned, tortured or exiled. A second question will therefore be asked:"Are the risks worth the effort"? Would indeed it be more profitable to silently and cautiously work toward a coup rather than rely on the ballot box?

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The opinions expressed in the above commentary are those of Professor Norman Bindler of Bronx Community College, City University of New York. They do not necessarily represent those of the Association of Teachers of Latin American Studies. We do however welcome comments and reactions and will be pleased to print them in a future edition of our newsletter, Perspective.

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Reminder to Members

The next meeting is October 27 at the Center for Inter-American Relations. Guests are invited, please notify in advance if you plan to attend.

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